

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9 and 10 and add new claims 11-13 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A facsimile system ~~which receives image data transmitted through a predetermined computer network, which has~~ including a facsimile terminal and a format converter operatively connected to each other, the facsimile system comprising:

~~image outputting means~~ a printer provided in the facsimile terminal ~~for outputting~~ configured to print an image based on image data of a predetermined format ~~arriving with the address directed to itself,;~~

receiving means provided in the facsimile terminal for receiving image data transmitted via a computer network;

~~conversion~~ requesting means provided in the facsimile terminal for ~~transmitting~~ transferring the image data to the format converter when the image data format differs from the predetermined format[,];

~~format~~ converting means provided in the format converter for converting the format of the image data transferred from the facsimile terminal to the predetermined format[,];

20 returning means provided in the format converter for transferring the image data after the format is converted by the ~~format~~ converting means to the facsimile terminal which has originally transferred the image data, ~~the source of the image data,~~ and

25 ~~image output~~ controlling means provided in the facsimile terminal for ~~allowing the image outputting means for outputting~~ controlling the printer to print an image based on the image data transferred from the format converter ~~as image data which has arrived with the address directed to itself.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). A facsimile terminal ~~composing~~ which is operatively connected to a format converter for forming a facsimile system ~~for receiving image data transmitted through a predetermined computer network by being connected with a~~ predetermined format converter, the facsimile terminal
5 comprising:

~~image outputting means for outputting a printer configured to print an image based on image data of a predetermined format which has arrived with the address directed to itself,;~~

10 receiving means for receiving image data transmitted via a computer network;

~~conversion requesting means for transferring the image data to the format converter when the format of the image data which has arrived with the address directed to itself~~ format differs
15 from the predetermined format[,]; and

~~an image output controlling means that allows the image outputting means to output~~ for controlling the printer to print an image based on the image data transferred from the format converter ~~as the image data which has arrived with the address~~
20 ~~directed to itself.~~

Claim 3 (Original). The facsimile terminal according to claim 2, wherein the predetermined format is TIFF (Tagged Image File Format).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended). The facsimile terminal according to claim 2, wherein the ~~conversion~~ requesting means transfers the image data to the format converter by sending ~~out~~

an e-mail with an attached file containing the image data

5 ~~attached as the attached file.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). The facsimile terminal according to claim 4, wherein the ~~conversion~~ requesting means allows the e-mail ~~with the image data attached as the attached file~~ to contain ~~the predetermined~~ sender information for

5 identifying ~~the~~ a sender of the image data.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended). The facsimile terminal according to claim 2, further comprising a storage means for ~~storing the predetermined section configured to store~~ sender information ~~in memory~~ for identifying ~~the~~ a sender of the

5 transferred image data, the sender information being stored until ~~while~~ the image data which is converted to the predetermined format is transferred thereto from the format converter ~~when the image data is transferred to the format converter.~~

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). A format converter ~~which is~~ operatively connected to a facsimile terminal provided with a function for ~~outputting~~ printing an image based on image data of a predetermined format, ~~such that the format converter and the~~

5 ~~facsimile terminal constitute a facsimile system that receives~~

~~image data transmitted via a predetermined computer network, said~~
the format converter comprising:

~~format~~ converting means for converting the format of the
image data transferred from the facsimile terminal into the
10 predetermined format[,]; and

returning means for transferring the image data whose format
has been converted by the ~~format~~ converting means to the
facsimile terminal which has ~~originally~~ transferred ~~the image~~
~~data that served as the source of the image data~~ original image
15 data whose format is not converted.

Claim 8 (Original). The format converter according to claim
7, wherein the predetermined format is TIFF (Tagged Image File
Format).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). The format converter according
to claim 7, wherein the returning means transfers the image data
to the facsimile terminal by sending ~~out the~~ an e-mail with ~~the~~
~~image data attached as an attached file after the format~~
5 containing the image data that has been converted by the format
converting means.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended). The format converter according to claim 9, wherein the returning means allows ~~the predetermined sender information contained in the e-mail with the image data attached, which served as the source of the image data,~~
5 ~~an attached file containing the original image data to be contained in the~~ included in an e-mail with ~~the image data attached as the attached file after the format has been converted by the format converting means~~ an attached file containing the converted image data.

Claim 11 (New). A method of outputting an image corresponding to image data transmitted via a computer network, the method used in a facsimile system comprising a facsimile terminal including (i) image output means for outputting an image
5 based on image data of a predetermined format, and (ii) a format converter operatively connected to the facsimile terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving image data at the facsimile terminal, the image data being transmitted via the computer network;

10 transferring the image data from the facsimile terminal to the format converter when the received image data format differs from the predetermined format;

converting the format of the image data, transferred from
the facsimile terminal to the format converter, to the predeter-
15 mined format using the format converter;

transferring the converted image data from the format
converter to the facsimile terminal; and

controlling the image output means to output an image based
on the image data transferred from the format converter to the
20 facsimile terminal.

Claim 12 (New). A method of outputting an image using a
facsimile terminal, the image corresponding to image data
transmitted via a computer network, the method used in a
facsimile system comprising (i) the facsimile terminal with image
5 output means for outputting an image based on image data of a
predetermined format, and (ii) a format converter operatively
connected to the facsimile terminal, the method comprising the
steps of:

receiving image data transmitted via the computer network;
10 transferring the image data to the format converter when the
received image data format differs from the predetermined format;
and

controlling the image output means to output an image based
on image data transferred from the format converter.

Claim 13 (New). A method of converting a format of image data using a format converter, the image data being transmitted via a computer network, the method used in a facsimile system comprising (i) a facsimile terminal with image output means for
5 outputting an image based on an image data of a predetermined format, and (ii) the format converter being operatively connected to the facsimile terminal, and the method comprising the steps of:

converting a format of image data transferred from the
10 facsimile terminal into the predetermined format; and

transferring the converted image data to the facsimile terminal which has transmitted original image data whose format is not converted.